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Road Closures do to Bridge Replacements in the Swan Valley

KALISPELL, MONTANA – The Flathead National Forest will be replacing three bridges located on the Swan Lake Ranger District of the Flathead National Forest.

The North Fork Lost Creek bridge replacement will result in the temporary closure on NFSR #5206 at Mile Point 3.2 (North Fork Lost Creek Road). Work is scheduled to begin Wednesday July 15, 2015. The road will be closed to public traffic for no more than three weeks during the installation of the new bridge and will affect access to the upper portions of the North Fork of Lost Creek.

The Piper Creek bridge replacement will result in the temporary closure on NFSR #966 at Mile Point 2.0 (Piper Creek Road). Work is scheduled to begin Monday July 20, 2015. The road will be closed to public traffic for no more than three weeks during the installation of the new bridge. The road provides access to the Piper Creek trailhead (trail #119) which accesses Piper and Cedar Lakes within Mission Mountain Wilderness. The trailhead will remain accessible from the north by taking State Road #10182 (Fatty Creek Road) to NFSR #10381 (Fatty Piper Creek Road).

The Beaver Creek bridge replacement is scheduled to begin Tues. July 28, 2015 on NFSR #906 at Mile Point 3.2 (Beaver Creek Road). The road will remain open and a bypass bridge will maintain access to the Crystal Lake trailhead (trail #'s 34 and 351) which accesses Gray Wolf and Crystal Lakes within the Mission Mountain Wilderness. Short temporary delays should be expected during different stages of construction.

For additional information please contact Flathead National Forest Civil Engineer Patrick Siers at 406-758-5347.

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